Target for telephone connections

†1927. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target fixed for providing telephone connections in Mainpuri district in the current financial year has not been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether it is a fact that the work relating to laying of telephone lines for which the contract, was awarded several months ago, has not been completed so far;

(d) if so, by when, the above job was scheduled to be completed together with the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for not completing the work in time; and

(f) whether Government propose to take action against the negligent officials; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The target for the financial year. Against the target of 22 achievement upto February, 2002 has been 2144. The target would be achieved by the end of the financial year.

(c) and (d) Out of works awarded to 8 contractors, 6 contractors have already completed their works well within the scheduled time limit. The details of the works still being executed by the remaining 2 contractors are furnished in the Statement. (See *below).* As the work has not been completed, the period has been extended and the work is likely to be completed by April-May, 2002. However, the

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works related to the DELs target for the current year will be completed by *31/3/2002*.

(e) There was delay in cable laying due to delay in supply of certain specific sizes of cables from the suppliers.

(f) Not applicable in view of replies to (c) to (e) above.

Statement

Status of pending cable laying works

SI. No.	Contractor's Name	Validity of contract	Zones Awarded	Statuslikely date of completion
1. 2.	M/s B.R. Singh Bhedouria, 05, Deopura, Mainpui M/s Light-Electricals Bareilly	(a) 05.02.2002 (b) 27.02.2002 (a) 05.02.200	Mainpuri Chy Zone Pending' Bhogaon Zone Mainpuri City Pending' Mainpuri Rural	(a) April, 2002 (b) Pending/ May, 2002 (a) April, 2002 (b) Pending' May, 2002

Delay in commissioning of telephone exchange in Leh

1928. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the equipment and all other necessary accessories were bought to install the new exchange at Squirbuchan Village of Khalsi Block in Leh District for the last couple of years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same has not been commissioned till date; and

(c) Government's plan to commission the same and the reasons for the dealy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An electronic